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Government that unless they detect a prescribed number of cases, they will not be eligible for increment, nor will they be continued in their posts?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Does the Hon. Minister seriously believe that Prohibition will work properly when so low a salary is paid to the staff who are supposed to guard Prohibition?" 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" That is the sanctioned scale, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Why should there be a large number of staff on a temporary basis? Do the Government think that Prohibition itself is going to be temporary?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" At first, they were appointed on a temporary basis. Now the policy of the Government is to recruit the staff on the basis of a certain standard so that it may be equivalent to the Police standard."

Alleged instructions by the Labour Officer, Malabar, to Handloom Factory owners regarding wage reduction.

* 260 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Labour Officer of Malabar has issued instructions to the Handloom Factory owners of Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, on November 14, 1952, that they should take signatures from the workers stating that it is owing to the consent of the workers that wage reduction was made?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the Manager of the Raja Rajeswari Company, Malabar, has published a public notice saying that the Labour Officer has issued a circular that the management should take forcible signatures from the workers, and in view also of the fact that a copy of this public notice has already been sent to the Labour Commissioner and to the Hon. the Labour Minister and that this has resulted in so many dismissals and stay-in strikes in Chirakkal taluk, may I know why the Labour Department did not contradict that statement by saying that they did not issue this kind of circular?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We are satisfied that our Labour Officers did not issue any such instruction at all."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Is it a fact that such instructions were issued and that they were being brought to the notice of the Government?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have categorically denied both the allegations, Sir."